

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

EXAMINING GROUP NO.: 2697

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/484,650

Art Unit: 2697

Technology Center 2600

Filed: January 18, 2000

Examiner:

Volper, Thomas E.

For:

METHOD FOR OPERATING

DEVICES FOR TRANSMITTING HIGH-BIT-RATE DATA ON AN

EXTENSION LINE AND

ARRANGEMENT HAVING SUCH

DEVICES FOR DATA TRANSMISSION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 31, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

Amendments to the Specification: none

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Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: none

Remarks: begin on page 9 of this paper.